



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2021.04

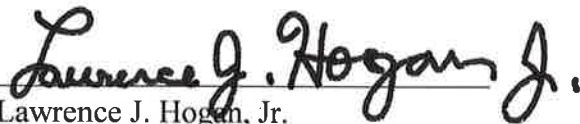
Rescission of Executive Order 01.01.2018.21 (Accountability in Elementary and Secondary Education)

- WHEREAS, The Office of Education Accountability, established on September 4, 2018, by Executive Order 01.01.2018.21, served to independently receive and investigate concerns and allegations of misconduct within Maryland public schools;
- WHEREAS, The Inspector General for Education — appointed for the first time in Maryland history in February 2020 — largely performs the same duties as the Office of Education Accountability, including receiving and investigating complaints about county boards of education, local school systems, schools that receive State funds, the State Department of Education, and the Interagency Commission on School Construction;
- WHEREAS, The Inspector General has assumed the Office of Education Accountability's role of exposing in Maryland public education instances of fraud, waste, abuse of funds and property, and derogation of responsibilities to students, parents, and employees;
- WHEREAS, The appointment of the Inspector General reaffirms the State's ongoing commitment, in the administration of public education in Maryland, to protecting children, parents, employees, and taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, The Office of Education Accountability is no longer necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2018.21, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Given Under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 25th Day of January, 2021.


Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State